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## DEATH.

On the 14th September, at Queen's Road,  
East, ALEXANDER DALGAZEN, Chief of Ordnance,  
Ordnance Store Department, aged 59.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1876.

It is exceedingly difficult to gain any reliable  
information concerning the progress of the  
war in the North-West. No news reaches us  
from Kashgar, and that derived from  
Chinese official sources is not always per-  
fectly reliable. Some fresh intelligence is  
contained in a "Dicode" published in the  
"Peking Gazette" of the 17th ultimo, but  
it should be taken with at least a grain of  
salt. In this Decree it is stated that the  
Chinese troops have advanced up to the walls  
of Yacoo, and have gained "a succession of  
victories" as a result of which an insurgent  
leader has been captured and beheaded. Manas is a small fortified town, situated in  
Latitudinal 37° 30' E. and Longitudinal 44° 12' N.Living on the highroad from Balkoul to  
the foot of the walls, it is probable that  
the rebel leader was slain, together with four  
hundred of their "most desperate fighting  
men," while fourteen of them were taken  
prisoners, and, as is customary in Chinese  
warfare, were immediately beheaded. This  
action is, the Decree proceeds, "worthy to be  
considered a success." What can this phrase  
mean? From what preceded it, we should  
imagine it indicated that the attack upon the  
town was repulsed, apparently not without  
some loss on the part of the defenders, but, it  
is possible, with greater loss to the assailants.As our contemporary, the N. C. Herald  
points out, "the very language of the eulogy

"is itself suspicious, and sounds as though

the Government was glad to take an oppor-  
tunity of something less than the usualdisaster, to give the troops and the people  
some faint encouragement!" As a matter  
of course, on this occasion is made the name of,

Kuro-Sai and several other officers

are promoted, while posthumous honours

are decreed on behalf of four subalterns  
who fell in the engagement. It would be a

great joke to find that these men had been

promised for having taken part in a defeat.

Yet nothing is more likely, and it is im-  
probable that the authorities at Peking are

most fully aware of the fact.

The Chinese Government should by this  
time have become convinced of the folly  
of persevering in this contest. Even if

triumphant in the end, with Kashgar at its

feet, the gain will not compensate for the  
enormous outlay, which could not be recovered,

since the conquered country would be already

drained of its resources. It is only wonderful

that the Imperial Government should have

prosecuted it so persistently. From Peking to

Kashgar the distance is enormous, rendered

much greater by the nature of the intervening

country, which for the chief part is an almost

trackless desert. Surely it would have been

more to the advantage of the Peking Gov-  
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## EXTRACTS.

## THE LAST ORACLE.

(A.D. 361.)

BY ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE.

Years have risen and fallen in darkness or in twilight,  
Ages waned and waned that knew not end nor time,  
While the world stood, right by, and bought not thy  
light.

Since the red last plenum left thy dark mid shrine,  
Dark the horizon and dumb the sound of some things falling,  
Save for words more, and than tears of blood, that still  
The world with all that has fallen the glorious dwelling,  
And the waterspout, and the tempest, and the dead.

Not a cell is left for God, no roof, no cover;

And his hand the prophet hand flings no more;

And the great king's high and hent, thy true last lover,

Felt like an arrow pierces and cleaves it to the core;

In the sight of the world, the world's last.

And dying, "Thou hast conquered!" he said,

"And I said, and died."

And the world that was thine was ours once,  
When the Greeks took home the flowers

From the land of the sun, and the sun was dead.

In the wind from a wide-mauled grave,

As a gulf wide open to aavil;

The light that the world held,

Of either of us, Pain, Apollo,

Destroyer and healer, he!

Age on thy moulds was mure, the face was hideous,

And the lips and eyes that loved thee blind and dumb;

And the heart that beat for thee, a dead heart,

Fire for light and heat for beams and beams of song;

When for chuse of Greeks the wall of Galilea;

Mate the whole world man with hymns of wrath and

wrong;

Yes, and I, X., see thee, father, as they saw thee;

They that are whipped when the world was theirs and

theirs,

They when wroth power by thine own power to draw

thee down from heaven till earth seemed more than heaven;

But the shades are about us that hover;

When darkness is half withdrawn;

And the skirts of the dead night cover;

The face of the live new dawn;

The path of the living day;

There is no way but the last,

As the time is gone by, it is gone;

When men are brutes that bleed;

As sheep to swine that wollow;

In the shrub of faith and fear;

O either of all us, Pain, Apollo,

Destroyer and healer, he!

Yet it may be, hard fathers, could we know;

But that love for our darkness shall have light;

Men shall be born, and the world shall have light;

Stoning crooked ones, and saving in the sight;

To the likeness of god, God's dreams enthrall the earth;

Who was ever there all gods that walled and girt;

Son of God the shining sun of Time they called thee;

What was older, O father, than that thou?

For the sun is old, and to love is honour;

Even the sun is old, and to love is honour;

Nor right earth is dream or flesh, like leaves upon her;

Till the word was clothed with speech by lips or man;

And the word and the life wait, thou;

The spirit of man and the breath;

And the life of the God is death;

For these are gods that wane;

Meriful, merciful, pure;

They perish, but thou shall endure;

For the life of the God is death;

They pass as the sight of a year;

O either of all us, Pain, Apollo,

Destroyer and healer, he!

Then the word, the light, the breath, the glory,

Strew to help and heal, to light and to day;

These is all the song, the world's whole story;

Old and young Gods are hurt or hopeless;

Rise from native land fallen to sword and forgotten;

And their springs are dry, but their end is one;

Divs of birds of foedus find one death apiece;

As the angel whence each wisdom makes room for each;

God by gods own, disrowned and disowned,

But in the sun, the sun, the sun gave that speech,

As the sun yet sets on man?

The sun yet east on man?

Life that had come for its leave;

To quicken the blood that ran;

Through the veins of the songless rose;

More a friend to man than to man;

Heaven that had come for its leave;

Light, life, word, witness O sun;

They soundies and scillies and hollow;

Without eye, without speech, without ear?

O either of all us, Pain, Apollo,

Destroyer and healer, he!

Time and space and these silent of his warning,

Change and darkness fell men that fell from their

Dark and cold world, and left the moon;

And the sun and moon and sun eyes of the moon;

But the sun yet sets on man?

Not the power from the trees whose lighted heart;

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